

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
)	
Pierre CHARNEAU et al.)	Group Art Unit: 1648
)	
Application No.: 10/602,663)	Examiner: L.W.Z. Humphrey
)	
Filed: June 25, 2003)	Confirmation No.: 8007
)	
For: USE OF TRIPLEX STRUCTURE)	
DNA IN TRANSFERRING)	
NUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCES)	

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action mailed February 12, 2009. A petition for a three month extension of time and requisite fee are being filed herewith.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments follow amendments to the claims.

Attachments: Exhibit 1, Maher III, Ph.D., James L., "Prospects for the Therapeutic Use of Antigene Oligonucleotides," *Cancer Investigation*, (1996), 14(1), 66-82;

Exhibit 2, Thuong, N.T. & Helene, C., "Sequence-Specific Recognition and Modification of Double-Helical DNA by Oligonucleotides," *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. Engl.* (1993) 32:666-690; and

Appendix A.